IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF WEST VIRGINIA CHARLESTON DIVISION

JOHN ANTHONY CASTRO)	
12 Park Place, Mansfield, TX 76063)	
Plaintiff,)	
v.)	Case No. 2:23-cv-00598
)	The Honorable Irene C. Burger
SECRETARY OF STATE ANDREW)	S
WARNER and DONALD JOHN TRUMP,)	
)	
Defendants.)	

AFFIDAVIT OF CANDIDACY AND MEDIA COVERAGE

- I, John Anthony Castro, declare as follows:
 - I am the plaintiff in the present case, a U.S. citizen, and an FEC-registered Republican primary presidential candidate (Candidate FEC ID Number P40007320) for the 2024 Presidential Election.
 - 2. I am a ballot-placed Republican Primary Presidential candidate in New Hampshire and Nevada. Arizona and Michigan law confirms I will be on the ballot once I file during their filing periods.
 - 3. I intend to either appear on the 2024 Republican primary ballot in this state or to file documentation to be a formally recognized write-in candidate in the primary election. I have also incurred expenses associated with campaigning in this state, launched by own online show called the Truth Addict, and have digitally targeted voters in this state. As such, I will maintain "standing" throughout the course of this litigation.

- 4. I intend to pay a nominal fee to appear on the ballots of Montana (only \$4000), West Virginia (only \$2500), and Kansas (only \$4000).
- 5. This is a portion of the unpaid *earned* media coverage my campaign activities have received to-date:
 - a. Associated Press: https://apnews.com/article/new-hampshire-presidential-primary-2024-5bd66ceac3df40f3b0ec7676422f40bc
 - b. Reuters: https://www.reuters.com/world/us/us-supreme-court-rebuffs-long-shot-candidates-bid-disqualify-trump-2024-2023-10-02/
 - c. Boston Globe: https://www.bostonglobe.com/2023/10/30/metro/judge-dismisses-lawsuit-that-sought-block-trump-nh-ballot/
 - d. NBC News: https://www.nbcnews.com/politics/donald-trump/live-blog/live-updates-trump-indictment-classified-documents-rcna88494
 - e. NBC News: https://www.nbcnews.com/politics/2024-election/big-names-perennial-candidates-mix-new-hampshires-presidential-filing-rcna119994
 - f. CNN: https://www.cnn.com/2023/10/02/politics/donald-trump-fourteenth-amendment-ballot-case-supreme-court/index.html
 - g. CNN: https://edition.cnn.com/politics/live-news/trump-fraud-trial-new-york-10-02-23/h_d677487e65da843f8d1cc988015786cf
 - h. Fox News: https://www.foxnews.com/politics/push-block-trump-new-hampshire-ballot-received-coldly-state-gop-leaders

- i. ABC News: https://abcnews.go.com/Politics/group-sues-block-trump-2024-ballot-citing-14th/story?id=102964534
- j. ABC News: https://abcnews.go.com/Politics/wireStory/groups-seek-constitutions-insurrection-clause-block-trump-2024-102823096
- k. ABC News: https://abcnews.go.com/Politics/wireStory/filing-period-new-hampshire-presidential-primary-opens-103883184
- 1. New York Times: https://www.nytimes.com/2023/08/30/us/politics/trump-14th-amendment.html
- m. New York Times: https://www.nytimes.com/2023/09/06/us/politics/trump-colorado-lawsuit-14-amendment.html
- n. New York Times: https://www.nytimes.com/2023/09/18/us/politics/trump-california-ballot.html
- o. PBS: https://www.pbs.org/newshour/politics/liberal-groups-seek-to-use-the-14th-amendment-to-block-trump-from-2024-ballots
- p. Politico: https://www.politico.com/news/2023/09/01/fourteenth-amendment-insurrection-clause-trump-00113790
- q. Politico: https://www.politico.com/newsletters/politico-nightly/2023/09/07/the-battle-thats-tearing-the-texas-gop-apart-00114616
- r. The Hill: https://thehill.com/homenews/ap/ap-politics/ap-filing-period-for-new-hampshire-presidential-primary-opens/

- s. Newsweek: https://www.newsweek.com/republican-threatens-trump-legal-hell-that-could-kick-him-off-ballot-1824471
- t. Newsweek: https://www.newsweek.com/republican-warns-trump-removed-ballot-john-anthony-castro-1829913
- u. Newsweek: https://www.newsweek.com/donald-trump-gets-good-news-supreme-court-1831419
- v. Newsweek: https://www.newsweek.com/supreme-court-decide-whether-kick-trump-off-ballot-1824577
- w. Newsweek: https://www.newsweek.com/trump-challenger-has-backup-plan-if-supreme-court-wont-kick-him-off-ballot-1829821
- x. Newsweek: https://www.newsweek.com/trump-tries-silence-member-his-inner-circle-colorado-ballot-case-1837968
- y. Newsweek: https://www.newsweek.com/donald-trump-ballot-access-legal-challenge-republican-claims-1830624
- z. Newsweek: https://www.newsweek.com/donald-trump-14th-amendment-taint-jury-pool-1825246
- aa. Newsweek: https://www.newsweek.com/full-list-states-trying-kick-trump-off-ballot-where-cases-stand-1837398
- bb. Newsweek: https://www.newsweek.com/donald-trump-14th-amendment-jan6-2024-election-1824937

- cc. Vox: https://www.vox.com/politics/23880607/trump-14th-amendment-lawsuits-federalist-society
- dd. New York Post: https://nypost.com/2023/10/02/supreme-court-declines-to-hear-bid-to-disqualify-trump-from-2024-election/
- ee. Washington Times: https://www.washingtontimes.com/news/2023/sep/5/john-anthony-castro-write-gop-presidential-candida/
- ff. Washington Times: https://www.washingtontimes.com/news/2023/aug/31/liberal-groups-seek-to-use-constitutions-insurrect/
- gg. Washington Times: https://www.washingtontimes.com/news/2023/oct/11/new-hampshires-presidential-primary-filing-period-/
- hh. American Military News: https://americanmilitarynews.com/2023/10/supreme-court-rejects-case-to-disqualify-trump-in-2024-presidential-race/
- ii. The New York Sun: https://www.nysun.com/article/effort-to-disqualify-trump-will-soon-get-court-hearing-as-adversary-seeks-to-make-him-go-begging-to-supreme-court
- jj. The Arizona Republic:
 https://www.azcentral.com/story/news/politics/arizona/2023/10/06/arizona-law-could-guarantee-trump-on-2024-ballot-if-qualified/71077077007/
- kk. ABA Law Journal: https://www.abajournal.com/news/article/candidate-with-2-law-degrees-files-suits-to-keep-trump-off-the-ballot-a-different-challenge-is-tossed

- ll. CBC (Candada): https://www.cbc.ca/news/world/trump-14th-amendment-challenges-1.7012321
- mm. Portland Press Herald: https://www.pressherald.com/2023/09/07/texas-republican-files-suit-in-effort-to-keep-trump-off-maines-presidential-ballot/
- nn. The Oklahoman:
 - https://www.oklahoman.com/story/news/politics/government/2023/10/12/donald-trump-oklahoma-disqualification-lawsuit-dismissed/71147982007/
- oo. Pennsylvania Capital Star: https://www.penncapital-star.com/campaigns-elections/trump-can-run-in-nh-primary-despite-jan-6-involvement-ag-and-secretary-of-state-say/
- pp. Ballot Access News: https://ballot-access.org/2023/10/12/john-anthony-castro-dismisses-his-idaho-lawsuit-on-trump-ballot-access/
- qq. Ballot Access News: https://ballot-access.org/2023/10/12/john-anthony-castro-files-brief-in-eleventh-circuit-in-florida-trump-ballot-access-case/
- rr. The Providence Journal:

 https://www.providencejournal.com/story/news/politics/2023/10/28/trump-

 battles-lawsuit-to-keep-him-off-rhode-island-presidential-ballot/71362011007/
- ss. Las Vegas Sun: https://lasvegassun.com/news/2023/oct/10/trump-to-participate-in-nevada-gop-caucus-bypass-p/
- tt. Fox News 13 Utah: https://www.fox13now.com/news/local-news/lawsuit-seeks-to-keep-trump-off-the-ballot-in-utah

- uu. KOAT: https://www.koat.com/article/federal-lawsuit-remove-donald-trump-new-mexico-ballots/45102809
- vv. KGET: https://www.kget.com/news/politics/ap-filing-period-for-new-hampshire-presidential-primary-opens/
- ww. WBOY: <a href="https://www.wboy.com/news/west-virginia/west-virginia-west-virginia-west-virginia/west-virginia-west-virginia
- xx. WTRF: https://www.wtrf.com/top-stories/capito-calls-lawsuit-to-keep-trump-off-west-virginia-ballot-ridiculous-and-says-its-bound-to-lose-in-court/amp/
- yy. WMUR: https://www.wmur.com/amp/article/presidential-candidate-from-texas-sues-to-keep-trump-off-nh-ballot/45601317
- zz. WMUR: https://www.wmur.com/amp/article/new-hampshire-donald-trump-ballot-lawsuit-dismiss/45682757
- aaa. KOCO ABC News 5: https://www.koco.com/amp/article/oklahoma-republican-party-lawyers-up-trump-presidential-ballot/45273414
- bbb. Bangor Daily News:

 https://www.bangordailynews.com/2023/09/07/politics/john-anthony-castro-trump-ballot-challenge/
- ccc. WV News: https://www.wvnews.com/news/wvnews/republican-candidate-files-lawsuit-to-remove-donald-trump-from-presidential-ballot-in-west-virginia-and/article_739765f8-fe36-5ea2-bc15-bb05857abb77.html
- ddd. Nebraska Examiner: https://nebraskaexaminer.com/2023/09/13/trump-can-run-in-nh-primary-despite-jan-6-involvement-ag-and-secretary-of-state-say/

eee. The State: https://www.thestate.com/news/politics-government/article279511574.html

fff. Scripps News: https://scrippsnews.com/stories/new-mexico-lawsuit-joins-other-bids-to-keep-trump-off-state-ballots/

ggg. 19FortyFive: https://www.19fortyfive.com/2023/10/he-could-be-disqualified-donald-trump-has-a-14th-amendment-problem/

hhh. 19FortyFive: https://www.19fortyfive.com/2023/10/not-disqualified-yet-donald-trump-was-just-saved-by-the-supreme-court/

iii. 19FortyFive: https://www.19fortyfive.com/2023/09/justices-to-decide-whether-to-take-the-trump-14th-amendment-case/

- 6. I have personal first-hand knowledge of all of the factual matters set forth in this document, and, if called upon to testify or give oral arguments, I would competently do so.
- 7. Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1746 and state, I verify under penalty of perjury that the entirety of the foregoing document is true and correct.

Executed on November 1, 2023.

/s/ John Anthony Castro John Anthony Castro